# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
DECLARATION OF YEAR 2000 AS INTERNATIONAL ECO-TOURISM YEAR
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the United Nations has declared the year 2002 as an `International Eco-Tourism Year`.

(b): if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to boost tourism for the year 2002; (

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.75 ANSWERED ON 23.11.2000 REGARI DECLARATION OF YEAR 2002 AS INTERNATIONAL ECO-TOURISM YEAR.

(a): Yes. Sir,

(b)&(c): The Central Department of Tourism promotes Eco- Tourism in the country by extending Central FinancialAssistance to Eco-friendly tourism projects prioritized in consultation with the State Government/UnionTerritories.Besides this, Eco-tourism attractions are given wide publicity in the country as well as in the overseas to attract tourists.

(d)&(e): The Central Department of Tourism has formulated `Eco-Tourism Policy & Guidelines` which has been endorsed for implementation by all the State Governments/Union Territories. The Policy Guidelines contain:-

(i) The Eco-Tourism definition;

(ii) Eco-Tourism Resources of India;

(iii) Policy objectives;

(iv) Operational guidelines for the Government, Developers, Operators/Suppliers,visitors. Destination population/host community, Non-Governmental organizations/ scientific and Research institutions.

The policy and guideline are formulated creating awareness among all the stakeholders involved in this activity for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country.